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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application: